

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 27-31 are pending.

Claims 16-26 and 32-35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in future filings. Claim 1 has been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to further define the proviso in part (A)(c) by incorporating language from claim 30 into claim 1. Support for this amendment is found in original claim 30.

Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby expressly withdraw the previous Response to Restriction Requirement filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office on October 11, 2007.

In accordance with the Requirement for Restriction mailed September 20, 2007, applicants hereby elect **Group II, claims 30-31** for continued examination without traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I Claims 1-29, drawn to a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition.

Group II Claims 30-35, drawn to an ampholytic copolymer.

The Examiner has further required an election of one disclosed species from each of the following groups.

Group I The anionic monomer (a), inclusive of the various species expressed in claims 8-10.

Group II The cationic monomer (b), inclusive of the various monomers expressed in claim 12.

Group III The unsaturated amide group-containing monomer (c), inclusive of the various monomers expressed in claim 14.

- Group IV The additional monomer (d), inclusive of the various disclosed monomers.
- Group V The component (g), inclusive of the various polymer species expressed in claim 6.
- Group VI A cosmetically acceptable carrier (B) and the additional additives, inclusive of the various species expressed in claims 27-28.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, a composition having:

Monomer (a) being acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid (claim 9);

Monomer (b) being dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide;

Monomer (c) being N-vinylpyrrolidone;

Monomer (d) being ester α,β -ethylenically unsaturated acids with C₈-C₃₀-alkanoles and C₈-C₃₀-alkanediols;

Component (g) being polyether acrylate; and

Carrier (B) being water.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13111-00023-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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